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COURT DIRECTORY.
Circuit Court.—First Monday after the fourth Monday in March and September.
County Court.—Second Monday in February, May, August, and November.
Probate Court.—Second Monday in January, April, July and October.

J. O. O. F.
Troy Lodge No. 681. O. O. F. meets every Saturday night at their hall in the Withrow block. Visiting members invited to attend.
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LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

Hon. W. H. Priest has placed us under obligations for late papers.

To secure insertion, all advertisements should be handed in by Monday noon of each week.

Mr. Will. H. Wells was on a visit home a few days the past week. He left yesterday morning.

Mr. Jesse Cox, one of the oldest citizens of our county, died last Friday. He was about eighty years old, or probably more.

On account of the long, dry cold spell, stock water is getting very scarce, especially in the western part of the county.

The county court held a special session last Monday, and it reminded one of "auld lang syne" to see Judge Baskett on the bench.

There is a good deal of sickness over the country at this time—mostly pneumonia, the disease in many instances being of a severe character.

LARD! LARD!! LARD!!!—If one or more want to pay their subscription in lard, and thusly greased slide through the year 1875 on the paid-up list, we will give them two weeks to avail themselves of the opportunity.

A communication from Mr. Moses Howell, in relation to the county meeting of presidents of school boards, was received too late for this issue. It will appear next week. Also, the report of the amount of grain threshed the past season by Mr. Allen Howell.

Members of the Ladies' Library club are requested to meet at the residence of Mr. J. M. McLehlan tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon, for the purpose of disorganizing, paying up their back dues, and thus securing life memberships to the Troy Social Library.

The probate court was in session all of last week, and on Monday and Tuesday of this week, and will probably not adjourn until this (Wednesday) evening. Judge Bonfils seems determined to go through with the docket, and to straighten up matters generally.

We make no charges for marriage, birth or death notices, as we consider this one of the most important departments of our paper. We are always anxious for our friends to send in such notices. Many never appear from their failure to do this. We make it a point to obtain all we can, but it is impossible for us by our own exertion alone to obtain every one. Send in the notices, friends; it will cost you nothing.

JUDGES OF ELECTION.

The following named gentlemen were appointed judges of election in their respective townships, by the County Court, on the 21st ult., for the special election to take place next Tuesday, the 26th inst.:

Monroe township—Jonathan Crume, Robert Mitchell and Robert Brown.
Prairie township—Henry H. Jones, T. T. Johnson and Wm. Giles.
Hurricane township—J. P. Webb, George T. Dunn and Thos. Cox.
Union township—A. K. Wilson, Richard Wommack and Semore Shannon.

Waverly township—Leroy P. Johnson, J. S. R. Gregory and B. R. Williams.

Millwood township—Ed. O'Hanlon, Wilfred Lee and W. C. Porter.

Nineveh township—Jno. E. Moseley, Joseph W. Wells and Wm. T. White.

Bedford township—James Wells, Douglas Wyatt and Chas. U. Porter.

Clark township—J. M. Wilson, N. B. Dudley and James A. Miller.

A correspondent writes from this place, under date of the 12th inst., to the *St. Louis Republican*. The significant "B." at the bottom, and the gently flowing humor that ripples through the letter, almost discloses to us the author. He has the following to say of our probate judge. "This is the first week that Judge E. N. Bonfils presides as judge of the probate court. He is the newly elected judge, and you would be surprised to see how much he looks like Judge Ferguson (I mean the old judge) in whose presence administrators quaked and their knees trembled for fear the good old man would find where they were trying to take advantage of the widow and the orphan; and as Judge Bonfils looks so much like him, he may, in the course of time, produce the same feeling with those who come under his terrible frown. He hands over his decrees, and says the court knows the law. Awaunt, ye workers of iniquity! The judge has a large family connection, particularly in the way of children, and no doubt will take great interest in the duties of probate judge."

We take pleasure in calling attention to the card of Mr. F. A. Durgin, of St. Louis, which may be found on the fifth page. Mr. Durgin manufactures all the silverware kept by him, and warrants everything to be as represented. In purchasing either solid or plated ware from him (and all his plated ware is triple and quadruple plated) you buy from first hands, and get all the advantage of the profits made by buyers and sellers. Besides, Mr. Durgin's is one of the most reliable houses in St. Louis, and he is one of the most pleasant gentlemen to deal with you ever met. Orders from a distance will be promptly attended to, and we hope our readers will give him the preference when they wish to purchase silverware. We will be pleased to attend to any orders which our patrons may wish to send through us.

About twenty hands are at work, in this county, near old Monroe, on the Mississippi Valley railroad, and it is understood to be the object of the company owning the road to push it on to completion at an early day. There is considerable private subscription to the road that is not available until its completion, having been made upon that condition. If our court had acted wisely in the matter of its appropriation to the St. Louis, Hannibal and Kookuk road, and made the completion of the road the ground for delivering the bonds, we believe it would have been nearer completion to-day; but now, if the road is never built, the only consolation our county will have is, that the bonds are out and must be paid.

Look here, isn't that stereotyped phrase, "Mr. E. W. Stopfens, the young and handsome editor of the *Columbia Herald*," becoming somewhat ancient? We think it came under our observation first about eight years ago.

There is an under-current of conversation just now about submitting the proposition of this township subscribing fifty-five thousand dollars for the location of the railroad machine shops at this place, the bonds not to be delivered until the road is in running condition from this point to St. Louis, and the machine shops under course of erection. It appears to us that if something of this kind is not done, there is little prospect of seeing our road finished soon. The putting down of iron north of Bowling Green, which is reported as progressing leisurely, is no guarantee that the work will be continued south of that point at an early day. There the road intersects the Louisiana and Missouri river railroad, which line, in case the Mississippi Valley is completed anyways soon, will be used to transport the freight of the "short horse" to Louisiana, and thence south on the "long horse." And in case the Mississippi Valley is finished the present year, we may be left with our hands in four pockets for several years to come. We want a railroad; Troy needs one greatly, and too much of the people's money has already been expended for some benefit not to accrue therefrom. Let those persons who were so instrumental in influencing the county court to make that three hundred thousand dollar appropriation now go in and vote a special tax on our township to try to get some good out of what has already been expended. While we had nothing to do with that appropriation, we are in favor of Bedford township paying something for the good to be derived from it if the road is ever finished, and will so cast our vote.

A gentleman went into one of our drug-stores a few days since, and producing a pint-bottle, remarked to the clerk that he wanted to have the vacuum filled with spirits fermenti. The accommodating clerk informed him that a prescription from a physician was necessary to shield the house from the rigors of the law, and suggested that probably a physician who was present would write out one for him. "But," remarked the gentleman, "it is for mince pies I want it." The physician informed him that it didn't matter, he'd give him a prescription, so he took a pencil and wrote: "Let Mr. — have a pint of whiskey for mince pies," and signed his name to it. The clerk was evidently satisfied, and the vacuum was accordingly filled. "How can you reconcile your conscience in giving such a prescription?" we asked of the gentleman had retired. "Easy enough, sir, easy enough; that whiskey was clearly for medical purposes, sir. Mince pies without whiskey are indigestible, sir, indigestible!" We concluded the old doctor's head was level.

The cold spell which opened upon us on the 28th ult., has continued with monotonous regularity ever since, no day since then having been mild enough to induce a thaw. At one time the thermometer indicated twenty degrees below zero, which is about as low as it gets in this latitude. There has been but little snow, and consequently the wheat has been greatly exposed, and it is the opinion of many that the crop will be severely damaged. The dryness of the atmosphere during this extremely cold weather has probably been some protection to the peaches, but fears are entertained that we will have to forego this luxury next summer, as twenty degrees below zero seldom, if ever, fails to kill the buds. "It's an ill wind that blows no good," however, and the blessing derived from this cold spell is, well filled ice houses of the best ice that has been obtained here for some years, and everybody who has an ice house has had ample time to fill it. But we are getting tired of so much cold, and would gladly hail a change.

A mammoth door, the largest of the kind, ranges in the neighborhood of Readsville in Callaway. He has been seen there for the last ten years.

A new paper, the *Argus*, is to be started in Washington, and R. W. Harris, late of the *Mexico* (Mo.) *Leader*, is to be the city editor. It will be Democratic in politics.

In Knox county, in this state, there is an immigration society, and through its influence, eighty-seven persons were induced to settle in that county last year. A similar organization in Lincoln county might prove of advantage to our business interests. Who'll put it on foot?

Dr. Mudd, our junior editor is still eating oysters in the half-shell on the eastern shore of Maryland. While we miss his able services in the sanctum, we don't blame him for lingering there, knowing his fondness for that bivalvous luxury. But we'll put him on double duty when he comes home for overstaying his leave of absence.

The following example is submitted by a gentleman from Hurricane township for some of our arithmeticians to worry themselves over: "A father left \$47,053.20 to be divided among his 4 sons, aged 7 years, 9 years, 11 years and 13 years, respectively, so that each share, placed at 5 per cent. compound interest, should amount to the same when its possessor became of age (21 years). What were the shares?"

The Lincoln county coal and mining company mean business. For several years litigations in our courts have deterred the company from pushing matters ahead, and the lands owned by them have been on the delinquent tax list for some time—the taxes being only partially paid up; but last week all back taxes, and the taxes for 1874, were paid over to our collector, amounting to \$1,927.01. This speaks well for the company.

Messrs. Parker, Crews & Co. commenced to invoice their immense stock of dry goods, groceries, etc., last week, preparatory to the change to be made in that firm. They have about completed the work, and a formal announcement will be made next week probably. Mr. Crews, who, has bought the hardware house of Mr. Lynott, will retire to take charge of his new business, and Mr. Weeks will occupy his present position in the firm. The invoicing of the hardware stock purchased by Mr. Crews was commenced yesterday.

The American Newspaper Directory is an epitome of newspaper history. It is also regarded as an official register of circulations. This feature, requires the closest scrutiny to prevent it from leading to abuses. The plan, adopted by the publishers of the Directory, to secure correct and trustworthy reports, is rigid in its requirements and adhered to with impartiality. Successful publishers, who have something to gain by a comparison, are generally prompt, not only to send reports in conformity but give Messrs. George P. Howell & Co. such information as enables them to weed out unsubstantiated statements of pretenders in journalism. The popularity of the book, and the general confidence in its accuracy and good faith, are attested by the immense body of advertisements it receives.

Editors Herald: In your issue of the 13th I see that the author of the "arithmetical problem" and Mr. Ragdale of Hickory Grove school wish to insist that their answers are correct. I reiterate what I said before, that I am prepared to prove the correctness of my answers, according to the dimensions given in the *Herald*. Mr. Ragdale is in error as to the depth of the box. The problem distinctly stated that the inner dimension of the box was to be one and two-thirds feet in depth, whereas he calculates it at one foot and nine inches. As to the positive and negative quantity of the unit one, I confess I do not properly understand, as I am under the impression they are seldom used in regard to lumber. I believe they can be properly used in regard to bodies having more than their share, as clouds being positively charged with electricity having more than their natural share, and negatively charged less than their natural share. I beg to state that if Mr. Ragdale had worked the question with the depth given, our answers would exactly correspond.

Yours respectfully,
HUGH LOWRY.

The *St. Charles Cosmos* says that an incarnate fiend named Buerman was arraigned before a justice in that city on the 8th inst., for having committed a nameless crime upon the person of a little girl named Wilhelmine Somers, aged twelve years, who lives with her widowed mother in Dog prairie. He confessed his guilt, and was held in \$1,000 bond to appear and answer at the next term of the circuit court, in default of which he was committed to jail.

On the night of December 31st, Mr. D. W. Coonce, collector of Washington township, St. Clair county, while on his way home from a collecting tour, and when within a mile and a half of his home, was set upon by ten armed men and robbed of \$483, in money which he had collected, and \$140 of his own money. Two men were with him, but as they were not armed they could do nothing.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY GRANGE: At the suggestion of Worthy Master T. R. Allen, and at the request of several brethren, I hereby call the county grange together on the 22d day of January next, to meet at the court house in Troy at 10 o'clock, a. m.
P. G. SHELTON, M. C. G.

BORN.
JACKMAN.—January 13, 1875, to the wife of Thomas Jackman of Millwood township, a daughter.
SCOTT.—Jan. 3, 1875, to the wife of Esquire John Scott of Millwood township, a son.

DEATHS.
MAHONEY—CANNON.—Dec. 27, 1874, at the residence of Mrs. Sherman, in Montgomery county, by Rev. T. F. Johnson, Mr. Mathias W. Mahoney and Miss Mary J. Cannon, all of that county.
HENSON—VANLEUVEN.—Dec. 24, 1874, at the residence of Mr. Veneur, by Rev. T. F. Johnson, Mr. Jacob Henson and Miss Elenora Vanleuven, all of this county.
WOOTEN—BLACK.—Dec. 31, 1874, at the residence of Mrs. Susan Black, by Rev. T. F. Johnson, Mr. Thos. J. Wooten and Miss Susan M. Black, all of this county.
DRAKE—STEVENS.—January 14, 1875, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. T. F. Johnson, Mr. Benjamin A. Drake and Miss Ellen Stevens, all of this county.
WITT—EARLY.—Dec. 30, 1874, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. J. W. Stevens, Mr. Thos. A. Witt and Miss Elizabeth A. Early.

Dr. W. W. BIRKHEAD,
DENTIST,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will be found at his office in Troy from the 1st to the 15th of each month. Will be found at his office in Clarksville from the 16th to the 30th.

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TROY, MISSOURI.
Will practice in the Courts of the 13th Judicial Circuit. Office in Bank.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will practice in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Special attention given to collecting. Office on Main street, two doors south of the Laclede Hotel.

G. T. DUNN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
NEW HOPE, MO.
Also Notary Public, will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Special attention given to collecting. [ptv6m16]

R. C. MAGRUDER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
CAP-ANGRIS, MO.
Will practice in the Courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. [ptv6m16]

FRAZIER & COLBERT,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will practice in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Special attention given to collections and to the sale, purchase and leasing of real estate; abstracts of title, warrants, deeds, deeds of trust and mortgages made on short notice. Large number of valuable farms for sale. Office on Main street in Henry's building, up stairs. [ptv6m16]

B. W. WHEELER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
TROY, MISSOURI.
Will attend to any professional business in the courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit; also prosecuting attorney of the county and notary public. [ptv6m16]

F. T. WILLIAMS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WAHRENTON, MO.
Also Notary Public and Real Estate Agent, will give special attention to collections, real estate practice, and the investigation of land titles. Office in clerk's building, west room. Satisfaction given or no charge made. [vol6m26]